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REMARKS

Claims 1-40 are currently pending in the above application.

On page two, paragraph one of the Office Action, restriction to one of the two provided inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. §121. Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's restriction. However, Applicants elect the restriction as follows:

The invention of Group I, namely claims 1-18 and 40.

Further, as stated on page three, paragraph six of the Office Action, when electing Group I, the Applicants are further required under 35 U.S.C. §121 to elect a single disclosed species from each Species Group (I and II) for prosecution on the merits. Applicants respectfully traverse this additional restriction as well. However, Applicants elect the restriction as follows:

Species 1 of Species Group I, namely claims 1-7; and Species A of Species Group II, namely claims 2, 9, and 40.

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants submit that the above election of invention now places the application in a condition for examination.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the Applicants' undersigned attorney at (248) 223-9500 if any unresolved matters remain.

Respectfully submitted,

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